

**Wenham Historic District Commission  
373rd Meeting  
July 21, 2005**

**Present:** Al Klebe, Robbie Corcoran, Jennifer Tymann, Michael Lucy, Tom Zampell  
**Also Present:** Jim Howard, Secretary

Mr. Klebe opened the meeting at 7:00

**New Members**

Mr. Klebe welcomed the two newly appointed members to the Commission, Michael Lucy and Tom Zampell.

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Corcoran nominated Jim Howard for Secretary for the coming year. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Howard was unanimously elected Secretary for the coming year.

Mr. Corcoran nominated Al Klebe as Chairman for the coming year. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Klebe was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year.

Ms. Tymann nominated Robbie Corcoran as Vice Chairman for the coming year. The nomination was seconded. Mr. Corcoran was unanimously elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.

**Minutes**

Mr. Corcoran offered a motion to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2005 meeting with a minor edit as noted. Ms. Tymann seconded the motion. Messrs I, Corcoran, Lucy, Zampell and Klebe and Ms Tymann voted unanimously to accept the minutes with a minor edit as noted.

**New Business**

**187 Main Street**

Ms. Rennie Worsfold presented to the Commission an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for modifications to her house at 187 Main Street. These modifications included the following items.

1. The enlargement of the rightmost window on the second floor on the side of the house facing the street so that it matches the window just to the left of it.
2. The removal of an entryway on the west side of the house.
3. The addition of two new windows to the west side of the house.
4. An addition to the rear (North side) of the house.

Mr. Corcoran moved that the modifications be accepted as presented and a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued. The motion was seconded and the application was unanimously approved.

### **Town Hall/Police Station Project**

Mr. Klebe reported that the Building Committee had resubmitted the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Town Hall/Police Station project. The one change that was noted was a door added to the side of the building facing the street. This door is very similar to the door on the Current Town Hall.

The Commission decided to hold a public hearing on this new application. This meeting will tentatively be held on Thursday, August 4, 2005. This will provide time to put legal notices in the papers and to post the meeting. Mr. Klebe will find a place for the meeting and Mr. Howard will put the legal notices in the newspapers and post the meeting.

Mr. Zampell noted that the application seemed to lack some much needed information.

Commission members will review the application and forward questions they have for the Building Committee to Jim Howard who will pass them on.

### **Removal of Town Owned Buildings from the Historic District**

Mr. Klebe reported that the Selectmen had decided to hold a special town meeting. For that meeting the Selectmen will have an item on the warrant to change the Historic District By-laws so that town owned buildings are removed from the Historic District. The commission has been formally notified of this proposed change in the by-laws in a letter dated July 13, 2005 from Jeff Chelgren, the Town Administrator. The Commission has 60 days to reply with its recommendation.

Mr. Klebe suggested that the commission consider asking the Selectmen to add an item to the warrant to be voted on at this special town meeting that would call for the renovation of the existing town hall and the addition of a police station in the rear. One of the reasons that Mr. Klebe suggest the voters be given this option is that there is state money available for historic restoration, and handicap access. Also the CPA money can be used for restoration of an historic building.

Mr. Lucy suggested the people of Wenham strongly want a solution to this problem and that every effort should be made to come up with a compromise that will allow the project to move forward.

Mr. Zampell moved that we authorize the Chairman to request the Board of Selectmen to place an article on the special town meeting warrant sponsored by the commission that would give the town meeting the opportunity to direct that the previously appropriated funds be used for restoration of the Town Hall and construction of a connected addition in the rear, and to work with the town meeting moderator on the content and wording of such an article. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Corcoran moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned unanimously at 7:55.

**The Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Thursday August 18, 2005 at 7:00 PM in **the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library at 14 Union Street in Hamilton.** Please call Al Klebe (978-468-1835) if you cannot attend.

**Agenda Items**

- a) Town Hall Police Station project
- b) Approval of Minutes
- c) Wenham Museum Banner
- d) 170 Main Street

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Howard  
Secretary